(c) A final decision on the clearances of the project proposals which are outside the jurisdiction of courts and pending due to non-submission of requisite information will be taken within a stipulated time period from the date of receipt of the information which has been sought from the project athorities.

Decreasing of Animals in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park

2063. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many animals and birds were in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park 5 years ago;

(b) what is this number as on 31st May, 1994; and

(c) what are the causes of this decreasing number of animals and birds in this zoo with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The total number of Birds and animals in the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling are as under:

	5 years ago As on 31-3-89	As on 31-5-94
Birds . . .	46	63
Animals . .	81	59

(c) The decrease in the number of animals in Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling over the past five years has been mainly because of two reasons;

(i) Death due to natural causes, such as old age, health problems related to old age, accidents like infighting etc., and infections diseases; and

(ii) Difficulty in procurement of new wildlife specimens due to restrictions on trade in wild animals and birds under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Pending Projects of Rajasthan for environmental Clearance

2064. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of projects of Rajasthan are pending till 25th July, 1994 for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken so far to clear these projects by the Central Government; and

(d) whether Government have modified the environment Impact-Notification issued early this year, if so, whether State Government of Rajasthan/ NGOs dealing with environment were consulted in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Twelve projects of Rajasthan were pending for environmental clearance as of 25th July, 1994 however five of these projects have subsequently been cleared.

(b) List of projects along with their date of receipt and reasons for pendency is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) A final decision on the clearances of the project proposals will be taken within a stipulated time period from the dates of receipt of the requisite and complete information soght from the project authorities concerned.

(d) The notification was slightly modified on 4 May, 1991 to incorporate the views of different Government departments to have expenditious decision making within the prescribed the limit without changing the spirit and essence of the notification. Further consultations at that stage were not considered necessary.

Statement

Details regarding the names of Projects their date of receipt and reasons for pendincy.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of receipt	Reasons for pendency
1	Bisalpur Project, Irrigatio Deptt., Govt. of Rajastnan.	January, 1994	Additional information awaited.
2	Oil Depot at Bhartpur	March, 1993	Under process.
3	Jhiri Marble Mine, Alwar of Shri C.S. Gupta	October, 1993	Under process.
4	Jhamarkotra Integrated Project of M/s Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Ltd.	February, 1994	Under process.
5	Balda Tungsten Flouride Project of M/s. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	February, 1994	Under process.
6	Sanu Limestone Mining Project of M/s Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Ltd.	June, 1994	Under process.
7	Chittorgarh Thermal Power Station (1×500 MW)	February, 1994	Additional information awaited.
8	Tarapur Felspar and Quartz Mines of M/s. Ramnarain Brothers, Alwar	May, 1993	Under process but subsequenily cleared.
9	Bahali Limestone Mines of Shri Om Prakash Gupta, Alwar.	October, 1993	Under process but sub sequently cleared.
10	Bhaiyasar Slate Stone Mine of Shri Suraj Bhan Sharma, Alwar.	October, 1993	Under process but subsequently cleared.
11	Mehtawas Slate Stone Mine of M/s. Kashiram & Sons, Alwar.	October, 1993	Under process but subsequently cleared.
12	Banwas Mines of M/s Hindustan Copper Ltd.	August, 1993	Under process but subsequently cleared.

Policy Decision for settlement of encroached forest land

2065. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India vide their circular dated 18th September, 1990 had indicated that the encroachments upon the forest areas upto 24th October, 1980 can only be settled;

(b) whether proposals have been sent by Madhya Pradesh Government for having policy decisions in respect of settlement of encroachments upon the forest areas upto 34th October, 1980;

(c) whether Government of India, have been considering not to give permission in such cases now by deviating from their circulated 18th September, 1990 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government of India will permit settlement of the encroached forest areas upto 24th October, 1980 in the interest to tribMal people by reconsidering in this regard; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORETS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Under the guidelines issued by the Ministry on 18.9.1990, encroachments taken place on forest land prior to 25.10.1980 are eligible for consideration for regularisa-